# NASA Dryden Aerospace Simulation Capability

# Simulation Fact Sheet

# **Dryden Flight Research Center**



## **PURPOSE**:

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Provides research teams the means to conduct efficient, thorough testing of advanced, highly integrated aerospace vehicles.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

- High-fidelity 6-DOF real-time and desktop batch simulations
- Pilot-in-the-loop simulation
- Hardware-in-the-loop simulation
- Vehicle-in-the-loop simulation
- Closed-loop vehicle systems verification and validation testing
- Combined Systems Testing
- Mission Control Room training, mission planning, and post-mission data analysis

## **RESOURCES:**

- Scalable and flexible simulation package to support conceptual design to flight
- Common, reusable technology for software and hardware to support multiple, varying projects
- Dedicated or configurable cockpits
- Configurable hardware interface unit for vehicle systems integration testing

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The NASA Dryden simulation capabilities support the most advanced aeronautical and space-based research now and in the future, through all phases of vehicle design, development, systems integration, verification, validation, and flight test.

# We place the simulation capabilities in the hands of the customer

- The same software operates on a desktop as well as integrated laboratory environment
- All simulations are operable by one person
- Users have access to all the source code



# **Configurable Simulations**



- Simulations are scalable to varying levels of complexity and stage of development
- Can support systems integration and evaluations of multiple design concepts
- Quick study of mission trajectories, flight management, and performance characteristics
- Mission planning and training to reduce or mitigate risks

# Integrated Vehicle Testing

- Enables systems integration, verification, and validation testing of vehicle hardware and software
- Facilitates Failure Modes and Effects Testing (FMET)
- Test flight hardware and software as subsystems and components become available



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# NASA Dryden Walter C. Williams Research Aircraft Integration Facility (RAIF)

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## **TEST BAYS:**

- Six vehicle test bays in three physical areas
- Support both classified and proprietary projects simultaneously
- Interface to simulation laboratories and Mission Control Rooms
- Provide full vehicle system support infrastructure

## **SIMULATION LABS:**

- Up to 11 simulation laboratories, each configurable to various security levels
- Labs overlook the test bays with data, video and audio connectivity

## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

- Co-location of project and facility management, vehicle maintenance, and engineering personnel
- Conference rooms
- 30,000 ft<sup>2</sup> office space

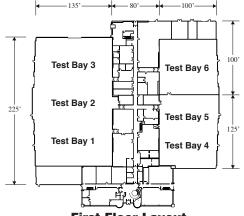
## **PAST PROJECTS:**

 X-31, X-33, X-37, X-38, X-40, X-43A, F-18, F-15, F-16XL, C-17, UCAV, Pathfinder

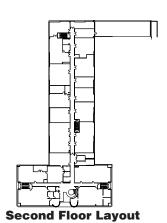
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# Test Bay Vehicle Support Infrastructure

- Vehicle avionics cooling supply
- Independent hydraulic supply systems
- 120/208 three-phase 400 Hz power
- 28Vdc 400 Hz power
- 277/480V three-phase 60 Hz power
- Uninterruptible 277/480 60Hz power